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## **Lowell National Historical Park News Release**

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## Lowell National Historical Park Seeking Spring and Summer Volunteers

(Lowell, MA) Lowell National Historical Park is currently seeking volunteers and community service groups for a variety of needs. Interested individuals and service groups can help the park by:

- conducting clean-up projects along canals, rivers, and walkways.
- helping to staff the Visitor Center, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, or Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit at the Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center.
- assisting curatorial staff with museum artifacts and mounting of exhibits.
- helping maintain historic structures, keeping grounds clean, and other maintenance tasks.
- Adopting-a-Canalway, including landscaping, gardening, and beautification projects.
- gardening at sites such as Boarding House Park and Victorian Garden.
- assisting with administrative and clerical duties, and computer operations.
- providing photographic, audio-visual, and video services.
- assisting with special events, such as Lowell Summer Music Series, Lowell Folk Festival, and the Banjo and Fiddle Contest.
- assisting the Trolley crew.
- working in the Boott Cotton Mills Museum Weave Room (textile manufacturing experience typically required).
- helping with Mogan Cultural Center programs.
- working in the Park library.
- researching Lowell history for programs, publications, and exhibit development.
- sharing knowledge of Lowell history, culture, and architecture in public programs, possibly through the leading of guided walking tours.
- assisting museum teachers in school programs at the Tsongas Industrial History Center.
- sewing and production of "living history" costumes.
- assisting canal lock-tenders.
- volunteering with the Park's youth programs.

Volunteer positions at Lowell National Historical Park are tailored to both the Park's needs and the interests and availability of each volunteer or group. Training and mentoring are provided. Some volunteer jobs require specific schedules, while others can be done at the volunteer's convenience. Many volunteers work one day a week, while others work nearly full time. Others volunteer as a group for a specific project once a year. The amount of time given is up to the volunteer, as long as it meets the needs of the position selected. Volunteers are needed throughout the year. To volunteer or for more information, call (978) 970-5032.

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